for Teacher Education (NCTE) has received 207 applications alongwith "No Objection Certificate" from Government of Andhra Pradesh. Out of these, 142 institutions have been granted recognition by the Southern regional Committee of NCTE and rest of the 65 institutions have not been found to fulfil the necessary requirements and have been issued notices prior to refusal of recognition.

National Action Plan for Empowerment of Women

†5202. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any national action plan for empowerment of the women;

(b) if so, the details therefor; and

(c) by when the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a National Plan of Action is under preparation to implement the National Policy for the Empowerment of Women.

Indian Schools in Gulf Countries

5203. SHRI A.VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many Indian schools in gulf countries recognized/ controlled by the competent authority;

(b) if so, the details including the administrative/academic control as on today, category-wise;

(c) whether the competent authority is aware of any incidents related to malfunctioning of the above schools during the last three years;

(d) if so, year-wise and category-wise details thereof; and

(e) the details of action taken, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes Sir, there are 82 schools affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and two schools affiliated to the Council for Indian Schools Certificate Examination (CISCE) in the gulf countries.

(b) The administrative control of the schools is under their respective managements but the academic control is under their respective Boards.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.